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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Jackson and Harris

Application No.: 09/388,090

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For: *NEISSERIA* SPP. POLYPEPTIDE,  
NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE AND  
USES THEREOF

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 WITH AMENDMENTS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 11, 2000, please enter the amendments below and consider the following remarks intended to demonstrate that the claims are in form for allowance. Submitted herewith, as Exhibit A, is a "clean" copy of the claims which will be pending upon entry of the present amendment. Please treat this paper as an authorization to charge Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 for any fees for the claims added herein.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At pages i and ii in the Table of Contents, please delete the ". . ." and the page numbers following the ". . ." at each occurrence.

At page 3, line 17, delete "as described at [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)".